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International application No.

PCT/JP2003/006025

## I. Basis of the report

### 1. With regard to the elements of the international application:\*

- ☐ the international application as originally filed
- ☒ the description:  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_ 1-25 \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the claims:  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_ 9, 10 \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_ 1-8 \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of 23 February 2004 (23.02.2004)
- ☒ the drawings:  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_ 1-7 \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language \_\_\_\_\_ which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

### 3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

### 4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).\*\*

\* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rule 70.16 and 70.17).

\*\* Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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## V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

### 1. Statement

|                               |        |      |     |
|-------------------------------|--------|------|-----|
| Novelty (N)                   | Claims | 1-10 | YES |
|                               | Claims |      | NO  |
| Inventive step (IS)           | Claims | 1-4  | YES |
|                               | Claims | 5-10 | NO  |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | 1-10 | YES |
|                               | Claims |      | NO  |

### 2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: JP, 1-156445, A (Toshiba Corp.), 20 June, 1989 (20.06.89)

#### Claims 1-4

The subject matters of claims 1-4 appear to be novel and to involve an inventive step in view of document 1 cited in the ISR. Especially, document 1 neither describes nor suggests the technical idea of partially substituting Cr, Al or Ni by another element.

#### Claims 5-7 and 9

The subject matters of claims 5-7 and 9 do not appear to involve an inventive step in view of document 1 cited in the ISR.

Specifying an allowable amount of minor impurities is a matter a person skilled in the art could have decided as required.

#### Claims 8 and 10

The subject matters of claims 8 and 10 do not appear to involve an inventive step in view of document 1 cited in the ISR.

Specifying a preferred crystal grain size is a matter a person skilled in the art could have decided as required.